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Dear Leaders and Members of the Chinese American Community,

This letter is being sent to all Chinese American organizations and to all the Chinese American People we can reach. (Support from non-Chinese Americans are also welcome.) We are requesting a letter of support for a Newark Chinatown Memorial in Newark.

The city of Newark is building a Mulberry Commons Park in downtown Newark exactly where the Newark Chinatown Community once stood.

For approximately 100 years, there existed a Chinese community in Newark.

This community disappeared in the 60's and 70's. There is now only one person left.

With the new development in Newark, no one will remember that such a vibrant community even existed in the heart of downtown Newark. Other immigrants have their memorial statues in Newark, but the Chinese have none and are barely remembered.

I have written a book about this history entitled "When Newark Had A Chinatown" and it is available on Amazon, if you wish to know the whole story.

Currently, we need your support. **Please read the attached proposal** and should you agree, send me your letters of support, which will be presented to the Mayor of Newark, and to any other parties involved in the building of the Mulberry Commons Park.

This is an URGENT request. Do not let this important moment pass us by.

Many thanks to you.

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Sumei Art Center is a non-profit art center which was started in Newark Chinatown in 1992.